

RAILROADS ARGUE FOR HIGHER RATE

L. C. C. Limits Carriers to Eight Hours to State Their Side of Case.

ENDS BY NOON TODAY

G. S. Patterson Gives Summary for 1914, Showing Less Revenue and Greater Expense.

Argument on the reopened advanced rate case will be completed before the Interstate Commerce Commission by noon today, and the commission will have before it for settlement the question as to whether the carriers operating east of the Mississippi and north of the Ohio and Potomac rivers shall be allowed to increase their freight rates 5 per cent to meet diminishing net revenue and the unusual conditions brought about by the European war.

Acting Chairman Clements announced yesterday that the argument would be limited to eight hours. Time was then allotted to the railroads, to Louis D. Brandeis, and to attorneys representing shippers. Mr. Brandeis made a brief argument, confining himself to the record, and in substance said that the carriers could get the relief they desired by increasing passenger fares and carrying out the suggestions and recommendations made by the commission in the original decision.

Speak for Railroads.
George S. Patterson, representing the Pennsylvania Railroad, made the chief argument on behalf of the railroads, and he was followed by J. L. Minnis, representing the Wabash Railroad, and O. E. Butterfield, representing the New York Central Lines.

Mr. Patterson said "that the returns for the year ended June 30, 1914, indicate that even before the war crisis there was something fundamentally wrong with the railroad industry," and continuing he added:

"The carriers do not urge that the commission should grant the relief which is asked for as a matter of grace. They do not claim that it is the duty of the commission to increase rates on the general principle of promoting the prosperity of those industries, whose property is dependent upon the welfare of the railroads, regardless of whether or not the proposed rates are reasonable. The carriers recognize that it is the function of the commission to determine what are reasonable rates, in view of all the circumstances of the case."

Summary of Returns.
Mr. Patterson then summarized the complete returns for 1914 for the thirty-five systems in round figures—as follows:

"An increase in total capital obligation of \$10,000,000;
"An increase in property investment of \$20,000,000;
"A decrease in operating revenues of \$4,000,000;
"An increase in taxes of \$3,000,000;
"A decrease in net operating income of \$7,000,000;
"A decrease in dividends paid of \$12,000,000;
"A decrease in surplus over dividends of \$4,000,000, the surplus of nearly \$75,000,000 in 1913 having disappeared and a deficit of \$5,000,000 being shown in 1914."

FATAL FALL STUMPS JURY.
Death of Joe Smith Result of Playful Scuffle or a Fight.

A jury in Criminal Court No. 1 was unable to agree yesterday as to whether the fatal fall of Joe Smith, colored, from the Pennsylvania Avenue Bridge, across Rock Creek, last April was the result of a playful scuffle or of a fight. John Jackson, who was charged with having thrown Smith from the bridge, convinced some of the jurors that he and Smith were bosom friends. He said they wore each other's clothes. Chief Justice Covington discharged the jury. Attorney James B. Archer appeared for the prisoner, and Assistant District Attorney Hawken and Laws for the government.

ARMY ORDERS.
Leave of absence for two months, to take effect upon his arrival in the United States, is granted First Lieut. Robert H. Fletcher, in Eighth Infantry.

Capt. Peyton G. Clark, infantry, unassigned, is assigned to the Sixth Infantry, and upon being relieved from treatment at the Letterman General Hospital, Presidio of San Francisco, Cal., will join that regiment.

First Lieut. Clarence L. Sturdevant, Pa., take station at that place.

First Lieut. Richard T. Colner, Corps of Engineers, upon expiration of leave of absence will proceed to New York City, take station at that place.

Capt. James B. Kemper, Eleventh Infantry, proceed to Fort D. A. Russell, Wyo., for temporary duty.

First Lieut. Louis A. Meraux, Medical Reserve Corps, relieved duty at Jackson Barracks, La., will proceed to his home.

The leave of absence granted to Capt. Basil N. Rittenhouse, Sixth Cavalry, September 24, is extended one month.

So much of Special Orders, October 15, 1914, as directs First Lieut. Robert R. Welsher, Coast Artillery Corps, to report to the commanding officer, Coast Defense of the Delaware, is amended so as to direct Lieut. Welsher to report on the expiration of his present leave of absence to the commanding officer, Coast Defense of the Delaware for assignment to duty on his staff.

NAVAL ORDERS.
Commander J. H. Holden, commissioned from July 1, 1914.

Lieut. Commander L. J. Wallace, commissioned from July 1, 1914.

Lieut. Commander H. K. Carey, to naval station, Olongapo.

Lieut. (junior grade) C. McCaulley, to home wait orders.

Lieut. (junior grade) Max B. DeMott, commissioned from June 5, 1914.

Lieut. (junior grade) E. Raguet, commissioned from June 5, 1914.

Lieut. (junior grade) C. A. Lucas, commissioned from June 5, 1914.

Ensign F. B. Melendy, to San Diego.

Ensign W. H. Rennie, commissioned from October 27, 1914.

THE ATTEMPT TO STOP THE GERMAN MARCH TO THE SEA



French marines advancing in open formation near Ghent and firing from the trenches at the advancing Germans.

THE CIVIL WAR DAY BY DAY

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the Carolina, which, with Wheeler's cavalry, would aggregate 22,000 men. This force was to delay Sherman until Hood could finish his work in Tennessee.

Hood's Unconscionable Delays.
When "Joe" Wheeler was ordered to remain to watch Sherman, Gen. Nathan B. Forrest, the bold Western raider, was ordered to join forces with Hood. As a preliminary movement he was to invade Middle Tennessee from Mississippi, and damage the railroads there as much as possible. He had accordingly set out about the time Hood's army moved from Gadsden toward Guntersville, and fifty years ago was across the Tennessee line.

In the meantime, Gen. Hood, always an erratic leader, after marching a day's march toward Guntersville, suddenly turned west and made for Decatur, 40 miles downstream. Why he did it no one knew but himself, and no one today knows, though various reasons have been given. Hood said he wanted to meet Forrest; other Confederates, including Gen. Beauregard and Gen. Richard Taylor, give other reasons, and censure Hood for making the change.

By changing his route Gen. Hood gained nothing and lost valuable time. On October 26 he arrived before Decatur, but made no serious attempt to capture it. On the night of October 26 and the morning of the 27th the army was again set in motion to the west, seeking a crossing at Courtland, 30 miles distant. On October 30, Gen. Hood was at the latter point, and Gen. Beauregard, who had joined him, but who left the direction of the army to Hood, was hoping that a crossing was now about to be effected.

Already four or five days had been lost and the Confederate army had moved fully 60 miles west from Guntersville, where it had been planned to cross the Tennessee. As Stevenson was the objective of the movement, it will be seen that Gen. Hood had already lengthened his route by at least 120 miles.

Now, to Beauregard's great concern, Gen. Hood proposed another delay. He said his provisions were nearly exhausted, that his men were shoeless, that he would prefer to go to Tusculum, 20 miles farther west, where it was understood there was a good crossing, and that he would be within 10 or 12 miles of Cherokee Station, the terminus of the Memphis and Charleston Railroad, over which he was to draw his supplies.

There he believed he could get the required food and clothing in a few days. There seemed nothing else to be done, and the army moved on. Gen. Beauregard began to fear that it would never get into Middle Tennessee. All chance of a sudden attack was gone.

Fifty years ago today Gen. Sherman, who had begun a movement from Gaylesville back toward Atlanta, being now certain that Hood would soon invade Middle Tennessee, ordered Gen. Schofield's Corps to join Gen. Thomas. This force was about 12,000 strong, and with the troops already under Thomas would give the latter a widely scattered command of 70,000 men. Sherman would then be free to move where he pleased.

Changes in Personnel.
The Department of Commerce yesterday announced the following changes in its personnel:

H. K. Benson, commercial agent at \$5 a day, Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, resigned.

Edward R. S. Croghan appointed provisionally a clerk at \$500 in the Coast and Geodetic Survey.

Temporary appointments, William H. Frothingham, clerk at \$1,000, Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce; Carl G. Lines, electrician, \$1,200, Bureau of the Census; Hollis R. Salts, draftsman, \$1,000, Coast and Geodetic Survey, all extended.

Hunting Season Opens Next Month.
Guns, ammunition and other paraphernalia of the hunter are being laid in by the nimrods of Washington in preparation for the opening of the hunting season next month. One violation of the Federal game law on the Potomac River has been reported already by the Department of Agriculture, and the offender, Theodore Svenhuyzen, was tried in a nearby court, fined \$100, and had his motorboat confiscated.

BRITAIN NOT TO OBJECT.

Right of U. S. to Conceal Destination of Ships for 30 Days Recognized.

The order of the Treasury Department that information regarding cargoes and destinations of outward going ships clearing from United States ports shall not be given to the public until thirty days after the vessel's sailing will not be questioned by the British government.

A statement was made yesterday by Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, British Ambassador, in which he declared that he had found the United States to make such a regulation was fully recognized. Likewise, Acting Secretary Lansing, of the State Department, conceded fully the right of the British to hold up on the high seas vessels clearing from United States ports for examination of their manifests and clearance papers, so as to satisfy themselves as to the neutrality of destination and cargo. Both were of the opinion that the order will probably result in the stoppage of more vessels on the seas.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

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COL. HARDING IS GUEST OF DISTRICT OFFICIALS

Given Luncheon at Raleigh Hotel. Praised by Corporation Counsel Syme.

Prior to leaving for his new position in Panama, Col. Chester Harding, Engineer Commissioner of the District, was given a luncheon at the Raleigh Hotel yesterday afternoon by officials of the District as a token of esteem.

A tribute was paid to Col. Harding by Corporation Counsel Conrad H. Syme, in which he declared that he had found the Engineer Commissioner of pre-eminent ability. Mr. Syme predicted that Col. Harding's career in Panama will be as brilliant as the one he is now terminating.

Among the guests were Thomas H. Claffey, F. C. Lee, D. E. Gargen, Capt. J. L. Schley, Capt. Roger Powell, Capt. W. R. Anderson, R. L. Bradshaw, Dr. William Tindall, William P. Richards, William L. Heale, Alonzo Tweddale, Edward W. Oyster, D. J. Donovan, Ben L. Prince, C. M. Towers, C. H. Syme, F. H. Stephens, James F. Smith, L. C. Wilson, W. C. Allen, Thomas J. Fisher, D. E. McComb, C. B. Hunt, J. O. Hargrave, Morris Hacker, A. R. McGonagall, Snowden Ashford, J. C. Williams, H. C. Eddy, B. A. Harlan, E. R. Harley, J. M. Ward, Charles F. Nesbit, E. S. Martin, J. W. Paxton, T. Latham, W. A. McFarland, M. C. Hazen, F. J. Wagner, George Watson, P. W. Nicholson, T. M. Robinson, J. F. Moore, W. A. Draper, T. L. Costigan, R. A. O'Brien, John B. Gordon, R. E. Doyle, Anton Karl, F. W. Albert, J. W. Beale, J. F. Healy, J. W. Dab, Daniel Curry, William G. McNulty, E. E. Helm, W. H. Hadley, J. C. Simpson, John E. Archer, George S. Wilson, M. C. Hargrave, L. R. Crabb, W. H. Whitaker, R. F. Bradshaw, R. M. Brennan, Alexander McKensie, A. A. Steele, John L. Martin, McKell Kerbey and Graham H. Nicol.

MISS PANKHURST COMING HERE.
Will Visit Washington November 7 and 8.

Miss Christabel Pankhurst, daughter of the famous English militant suffragist, will be in this city November 7 and 8 to confer with Miss Alice Paul, chairman of the Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage. She will be accompanied by Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont, wealthy New York suffragist.

While in the city Mrs. Belmont will hold a private luncheon in Miss Pankhurst's honor. Miss Pankhurst will not make a public appearance while here.

JAPAN'S FAT WRESTLERS.
Crowds Gather in Front of Restaurants to Watch Them Eat.

The most envied men in Japan are the wrestlers, who are fat and bulky. The fatness is the result of a special diet that he eats. Their stomachs are their proudest possessions. The fatter the man, the more money they will bet on him.

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OUTLINE WINTER WORK.

J. D. of the King of Anacostia, Plan for Coming Season.

The regular meeting of the Junior Daughters of the King, of Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Anacostia, was held yesterday afternoon in the parish hall, in V street, with Mrs. W. E. Johnston in charge. Work for the winter was outlined.

Salem Lodge, No. 22, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, met last night in Anacostia Masonic Hall. The principal business of the evening was degree work.

Mrs. Annie Herbert and her daughter, Mrs. William Lowe, with Gene Lowe, the latter's daughter, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Pumphrey in Nichols avenue. They will return to their home in Portsmouth this week.

Maurice Otterback, cashier of the Anacostia Bank, and prominent in civic affairs in that section, has gone to Helena, Mont., accompanying his aunt, Mrs. William Gaddis, who recently came to Washington to attend the funeral of her daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Gaddis Statter.

Constellation Arrives Today.
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SEVERE NERVOUSNESS
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Belgian Relief Fund \$55,000.
The Belgian relief fund in America has now reached the total of \$55,000, according to announcement made at the Belgian Legation here yesterday. Lars Anderson, head of a subcommittee in Boston, has forwarded contributions amounting to \$10,000.

AVERAGE BOY WEAK, SAYS NAVY SURGEON

Swedish System of Physical Training Urged for Jackies by Dr. Murphy.

The average American boy who applies for admission to the navy is muscularly weak from the waist line up, according to a report of Surg. J. A. Murphy, to the Navy Department yesterday. Surg. Murphy, one of the physical authorities in the navy, is urging the Swedish system of physical training in the navy, as a remedy for this defect.

In the majority of cases, says the report, the boy is strong but through excess of weight—usually fat—is rendered relatively weak. Those that are strong, the report continues, are awkward and ponderous, and lack speed and agility.

Surg. Murphy is the pioneer of the Navy Medical Corps in the systematic development of the physique of officers and jackies alike. His work has been highly commended from time to time by the department.

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